

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph 75 of the specification as follows:

[75] Each diffusion layer 13, 16 can have the same structure and can be made from carbon (C). As illustrated in FIG. 1, each diffusion layer 13, 16 includes a water-repellent layer 13a, 16a and a base layer 13b, 16b. The water repellent-layer 13a, 16a is coated on the base layer 13b, 16b. The water-repellent layer 13a, 16a can include carbon powder 28 (the ~~power~~ powder may be particles, and the carbon ~~power~~ powder can be, for example, carbon black) and a binder for binding the carbon powder. The binder can be made from synthetic resin (for example, fluororesin such as polytetrafluoroethylene). Each base layer 13b, 16b is located closer to the separator 18 than each water-repellent layer 13a, 16a. Each water-repellent layer 13a, 16a and each base layer 13b, 16b has permeability so that hydrogen and air can reach the catalyst layer 12, 15. Each water-repellent layer 13a, 16a can be provided with more water repellent than each base layer 13b, 16b. A thickness of each diffusion layer 13, 16 is about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . A thickness of each water-repellent layer 13a, 16a is about 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a thickness of each base layer 13b, 16b is about 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .